



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

April 22, 2010 – Introduced by Senator A. LASEE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Russell A. Olson.

2             Whereas, Russell A. Olson was born on February 19, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois,  
3     and died on April 14, 2010, in Holmes Beach, Florida; and

4             Whereas, he was educated in the Chicago public schools and attended the  
5     University of Illinois for two years; and

6             Whereas, Mr. Olson served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946 in the  
7     Pacific; and

8             Whereas, Mr. Olson was first elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1960,  
9     serving in the 1961 to 1963 sessions, 1967 to 1969 sessions, and 1973 to 1977  
10    sessions; and

11            Whereas, Russell A. Olson was elected lieutenant governor with the late  
12    Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus in November 1978, and was the last lieutenant  
13    governor to serve as presiding officer of the Wisconsin senate; and

Whereas, Mr. Olson chose retirement from public office over running for reelection or for governor after Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus announced he would not seek a second term in 1982; and

Whereas, after retiring, Mr. Olson served eight years in the Reagan administration as Midwest Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Russell A. Olson contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Mr. Olson' s wife, Fran, of Holmes Beach, Florida; and his daughters, Robyn Olson of Bethlehem, New Hampshire; Tamien Zeller of Zionsville, Indiana; and Megan Supol of Crystal Lake, Illinois.

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